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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Canceled) An interface for enabling communication between a primary and a secondary computing elements of a multiple element computer system, comprising:

a multiple element computing system having a primary computing element and a secondary computing element; and

a configuration and status register (CSR) block having a common section and a port specific section for enabling the exchange of buffer descriptors between said primary and said secondary computing elements, wherein said buffer descriptors contain information identifying underlying information packets to be processed on said computer system.

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